

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE



Cora Campbell, Commissioner
Jeff Regnart, Director



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Eric Newland, Area Management Biologist
Breena Apgar-Kurtz, Asst. Area Management Biologist
Lower Yukon Area Office
P.O. Box 127
Emmonak, AK 99581
Phone: (907) 949-1320
Fax: (907) 949-1830
Subsistence Fishing Schedule:
(866) 479-7387 (toll free), or
in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387

U.S. Department of Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Federal Subsistence Board
Geoffrey L. Haskett, Regional Director
Kathleen O'Reilly-Doyle, Acting
Asst. Regional Director Subsistence
Fred Bue, Yukon Area Inseason Manager
Fairbanks Fish and Wildlife Field Office
101 12th Avenue, Rm 110
Fairbanks, AK 99701
Phone: (907) 455-1849 or 1-800-267-3997
Fax (907) 455-1853

Date Issued: June 29, 2013

2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #31

Summer Announcement #28, District 2 and District 3 Subsistence Fishing Schedules

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The Pilot Station sonar cumulative passage estimate of approximately 67,000 Chinook salmon through June 28 is well below the historical average of 102,000 for this date. Poor run sizes in recent years warrant continued caution as the 2013 Chinook salmon run continues to develop.

Based on the current assessment information and consistent with preseason management strategies, additional measures are being taken to conserve Chinook salmon for escapement.

District 2 Subsistence Gillnet Salmon Fishing: District 2 is currently closed to subsistence salmon fishing with gillnets and will remain closed during the next scheduled subsistence salmon fishing period which was to begin at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, June 30, to conserve Chinook salmon.

District 3: Subsistence salmon fishing in District 3 is currently closed to conserve Chinook salmon. However, a reduced subsistence fishing period with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets is being allowed to target abundant summer chum salmon while avoiding Chinook salmon.

Effective 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 30, subsistence salmon fishing will be open for one 12-hour period from 12:00 noon Sunday, June 30, until 12:00 midnight, Sunday, June 30, with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to target summer chum salmon.

As a reminder, in the Innoko River, subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days a week, 24 hours

per day with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to target summer chum salmon.

Fishermen in District 2 and District 3 should stand by for short notice news releases on radio regarding the salmon fishing schedules. The department will notify fishermen by July 2 concerning the subsistence salmon fishing schedule in these districts.

During the subsistence salmon fishing closures, all gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Emmonak at 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at 456-0418 or in Emmonak at 949-1825.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

-end-